Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential sales, commercial sales, and industrial sales decreased in March of 1983 compared to last year. Residential sales decreased 12.4 percent, commercial sales decreased 12.8 percent, and industrial sales decreased 22.8 percent. The Nov.-Mar. heating season sales are down 15.9 percent from last years comparable period.

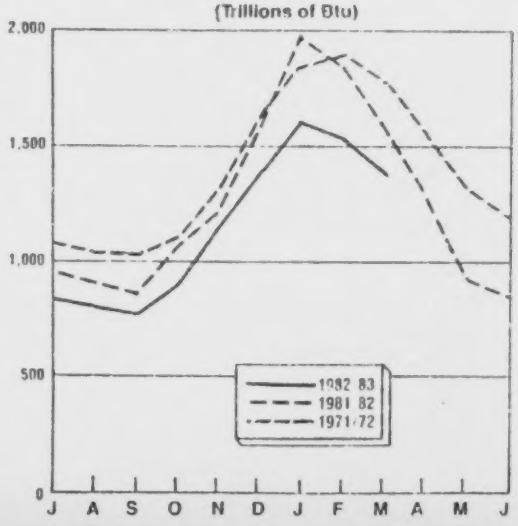
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	March			Heating Season (Nov.- Mar.)		January 1 to December 31		
	1983	1982	% Change[2]	1982/83	Last Period	1983 Forecast[1]	1982[P]	% Change
Residential	537.7	613.8	- 12.4	2,884.3	- 12.5	4,449.3	4,756.4	- 6.5
Commercial	258.4	296.3	- 12.8	1,395.6	- 11.4	2,290.8	2,408.1	- 4.9
Industrial	504.2	653.0	- 22.8	2,550.3	- 21.6	6,478.4	6,930.0	- 6.5
Other	23.8	25.8	-	116.7	-	207.9	207.6	-
Total	1,324.1	1,588.9	- 16.7	6,946.9	- 15.9	13,426.4	14,302.1	- 6.1
Degree Days[P] (AGA)	585.8	621.9	- 5.8	3,358.9	- 13.4			

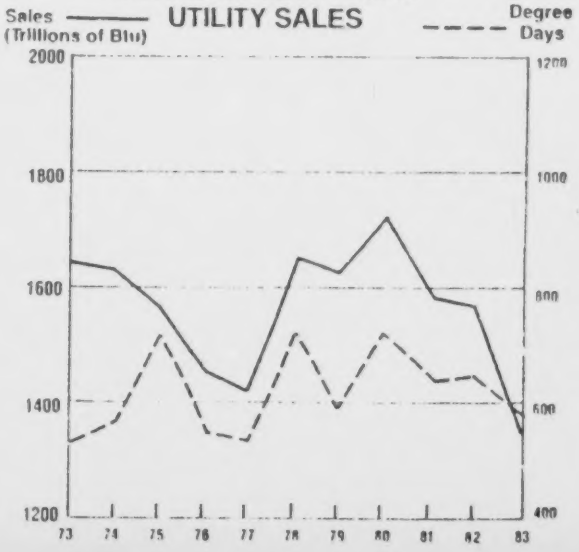
Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

[P]Preliminary data based on AGA sample.

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

March

	1983	1982[R]	% Change '82 vs '83
Domestic Range			
Gas	132.5	135.2	- 2.0
Electric	231.9	163.4	+ 41.9
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	56.6	54.2	+ 4.4
Electric	226.7	198.7	+ 14.1
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	120.1	76.9	+ 56.2
Electric	25.6	14.6	+ 75.3
Oil	6.4	7.2	- 11.1
Boilers			
Gas	8.2	7.5	+ 9.3
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 57.1
Oil	4.8	4.5	+ 7.6

[R]Revised

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

March

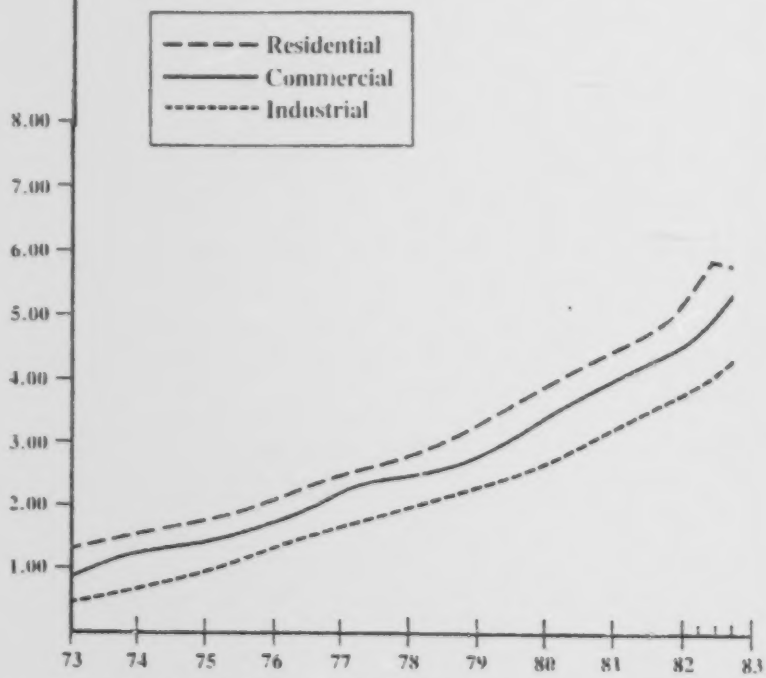
	1983	1982	% Change '82 vs '83
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	162.7	90.2	+ 80.4
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	568.3	458.6	+ 23.9
Electricity	321.2	313.3	+ 2.5
Fuel Oil	636.4	692.3	- 8.1
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	92.6	111.1	- 16.7

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.66	4.18	3.91	3.32	3.25
1982[P]	4.48	5.00	4.72	4.03	4.08

[P]preliminary



[1]1983 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months of 1983 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.